SECTION 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

- 29 U.S.C. 794d
- FAR 39-2
- To provide access to and use of electronic and information technologies (EIT) by individuals with disabilities
- Procurement, development, maintenance and use of EIT

SECTION 508, Accessibility Standards, 36 C.F.R. Part 1194

- Telecommunication products
  - para 1194.23
- Video/multimedia products
  - para 1194.24
- Self contained,closed products
  - para 1194.25
- Desktop/portable computers
  - para 1194.26

SECTION 508, EXCEPTIONS

- EIT for National Security System
- EIT items only used in space frequented by maintenance, repair personnel
- EIT purchases imposing undue burden on the agency :
  - Significant difficulty
  - Significant expense

SECTION 508, CARDHOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Identifies applicable standards
- Performs market research to determine availability of compliant product/service
- Documents non-availability :
  - Description of market research
  - Description of standards that could not be met
- Documents undue burden if applicable and
- Determines alternative means of access for disabled individuals

SECTION 508, CARDHOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES

- May accept EIT not complying with standards if :

  - product/service is substantially equivalent or

  - greater access to and use of the product

- To be approved by your Agency Section 508 Coordinator

SECTION 508 , INFORMATION

- www.section508.gov
- www.buyaccessible.gov
- www.usacce.army.mil/benelux
- www.arnet.gov/far
- http://cfr.law.cornell.edu/cfr/
- http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/